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Sir:

In response to the USPTO outstanding Action dated March 13, 2001, applicant files this response.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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IN THE CLAIMS

(Amended) A method of pipelining a disease-specific diagnostic algorithm to achieve a cost-effective and accurate diagnosis, said method comprising the steps of: